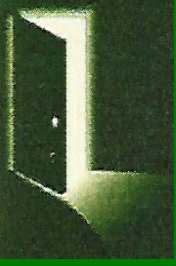


# The Speaker



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## A Message from the President by Ralph Salvino III

### Mission Statement

The mission of Seguin RCA is to provide advocacy services to persons with developmental disabilities and their families, promote community awareness and support programs that will enhance a positive quality of life for this population.

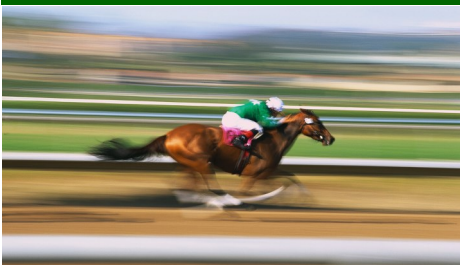
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### Save this date....

**Saturday, October 11  
Day at the Races**

3501 Laramie Ave. - Stickney  
\$40.00 per ticket

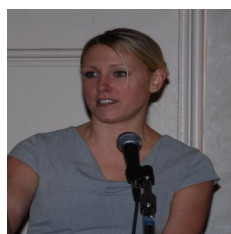
This is a great way to spend an afternoon with friends and enjoy a fine meal in a private dining room plus live thoroughbred racing. Details to follow.



Seguin RCA is ready for summer. Camp is open and we're almost full. Everyone should have a great time this summer. We are making many improvements including the purchase of two wheelchair accessible picnic tables. We have also installed a new concrete walkway from the camp house to the fire pit for easy access.

Thank you to all the board members who served during fiscal year 2013-2014. This board accomplished a lot of good things during the past year. I know fiscal year 2014-2015 will be just as productive.

I would like to welcome our newest board member, Kristin Miller. Kristen is a special education teacher in the Western Springs school district, and has an aunt that is developmentally disabled.



Kristin Miller

In the past I asked our readers for donations to help support our Camp Scholarship Program. The response was terrific. This year Seguin RCA is able to award:

**58 full camp scholarships!!**

Thanks a million to all our generous donors who have made such a difference in the lives of so many this summer.

Also, I would like to thank all the people that donated toward the purchase of the wheelchair accessible picnic tables.

### Camp Open House

Winnebago, IL

Sunday, September 21

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Details to come.



# Family News



If you require the services of an advocate, please call the Seguin RCA office.

This service is offered free of charge.

708-788-5777

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## Memorials

In memory of Pam Padilla  
From  
Dorothy Dooley

In memory of Jackie Reid  
From  
Mary E. Drenth  
Dorothy Dooley

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Alice Darda. Alice was a long-time supporter of Seguin RCA and a member of the Annual Benefit Committee. Those who knew Alice quickly realized they were in the company of a lovely lady and an extraordinary human being. Alice will be missed by all who loved, knew and respected her.

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### Seguin RCA Board of Directors Fiscal Year 2014-2015

- Ralph Salvino III, President
- Robert Grecco, Past President
- Bruce Kimball, 1st Vice President
- Eileen Tumpach, 2nd Vice President
- Charlene Brozas, Treasurer
- Kristen Miller, Director
- Janet Miller, Director
- Cynthia Pergram, Director
- Joan Prerost, Director
- Hilda Rohmann, Director
- Linda Szarfinski, Director
- Tom Szukala, Director

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This year's Summer Sizzler was an outstanding success. More than 140 family and friends participated in these festivities. We had great food, music and weather. Thank you to all the volunteers who made



# Did You Know?

## **A Local Agency You May Not Know:**

Opportunity Knocks is an organization that works with people with developmental disabilities in Forest Park, Oak Park and River Forest. They are located in the River Forest Community Center on Madison Street. They offer recreation, fitness and self-advocacy programs.

If you are a newly graduated high school student or a family of someone who has recently graduated, look into their programs for activities for young adults. Their telephone number is 708-771-6159. You can also check them out on their website at [www.opportunityknocksnow.org](http://www.opportunityknocksnow.org).

## **Changes in Housing for Adults with Developmental Disabilities**

The Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities (ICDD) is looking to change the face of housing for the developmentally disabled in the state and offer more options. They would like to assist communities to create new supportive housing opportunities, and \$12 million was awarded to the Illinois Housing Development Authority to help make this happen. ICDD, in conjunction with a nonprofit called Corporation For Supported Housing (CSH), wants to work with consumers and families to raise awareness of resources, advocate to ensure that the developmental disability system is positioned to take advantage of existing resources and encourage the willingness of providers, family members and self-advocates to push for what the population needs.

Housing would be provided in apartments and single family homes, and support services such as case management, social work and other services would be provided as the individual requests. The apartments would be in buildings with less than 25% of the residents needing supportive services. The rest of the residents would be typical renters. This would encourage more community integration than the current CILA (Community Integrated Living Arrangement) model now provides.

The agency is working with CSH to train agencies on how to implement this model. Several local agencies are interested in working with the Supportive Housing Institute on this initiative. For more information check the website [www.csh.org](http://www.csh.org) and look under Supportive housing.

Keep in touch,

*Helen*

Helen Kossler

Seguin RCA's Director of Operations

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## Seguin RCA Upcoming Events

- July 14 - Board Meeting
- August 11 - Board Meeting
- September 5 - Bowling Banquet (Skylite West)
- September 8 - Board Meeting
- September 21 - Camp Open House
- September 22 - Membership Meeting

### Art Class

- July 9
- July 23
- August 13
- August 27

### Bowling

- |         |                          |
|---------|--------------------------|
| July 11 | August 1                 |
| July 18 | August 8                 |
| July 25 | August 15 (bowling ends) |



### "Share a Smile"

What did the pig say at the beach?

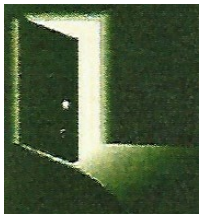
"I'm bacon."

Why are gulls named seagulls?

If they were by the bay, they'd be bagels.

Where does a fish go to borrow money?

The loan shark.



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